

REMARKS

Claims 12-15, 18, 27-30 and 33 were examined and rejected. Claims 12 – 15, 18, 27 and 29 are being amended. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks.

First, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the interview on June 17, 2004 to discuss the current claims, the cited art and possible claim amendments, the results of which are incorporated into this amendment with RCE.

In Paragraphs 1 – 6 of the Office Action, claims 12 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nguyen, U.S. Patent No. 6,032,150 (“Nguyen”) in view of Andersen, U.S. Patent No. 5,999,941 (“Andersen”).

In Paragraphs 7 – 12 of the Office Action, claims 13 – 15, 18, 28 – 30 and 33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nguyen, U.S. Patent No. 6,032,150 (“Nguyen”) and Andersen, U.S. Patent No. 5,999,941 (“Andersen”) in further view of Ananda, U.S. Patent No. 5,638,513 (“Ananda”).

In Paragraphs 13 and 14 the Examiner has indicated that claim 12 does not recite the features that the applet does not check or validate a password, and that the server computer that houses the proprietary data checks or validates the password prior to releasing such data. The Examiner cites *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993) establishing that limitations from the specification are not read into the claims.

Applicant has accordingly amended claim 12 and claim 27 to incorporate the indicated features.

In Paragraph 15 the Examiner has indicated that Nguyen describes a password associated with a program applet since a user presents a password that is associated with a unique ID of the applet. Applicant has accordingly amended claims 12 – 15 and 18 to eliminate the wording “associated with” and to indicate that the password is embedded in the applet; i.e., contained within the bytes of the applet itself.

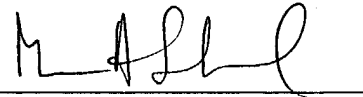
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For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance.

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